

Health Report Lists 384 Cases Of Measles Here

Current Epidemic Is Part of Cycle, Health Officer Reports

An epidemic of measles, the first in three years, hit Lower Merion township during January, according to the report released this week by the Department of Health.

The report showed 384 cases of the disease, 89 of them still under quarantine. According to Robert J. Thomas, health officer, measles travels in cycles, and one epidemic is every three or four years is the predictable average.

"A new crop of children comes along in that time; or a group which has never had measles enters school, and contracts the disease from other children," Thomas explained. "It isn't particularly alarming, nor are these figures high for comparable cycles. However, compared to the figure for a similar period last year, it looks startling. During January, 1947, only three cases of the children's ailment were reported."

The current wave of measles began in December, when the Board of Health reported 262 cases. The period of development for measles is 14 days, and the house is placed under quarantine for 10 days by the Board of Health.

Second highest on the list for January was chicken pox, with 29 cases. There were two new cases of scarlet fever reported—two sisters, Barbara Di Philippo, 7, and her sister, Mary Lou, 5, both of 24 Holland ave., Ardmore.

The report also lists five cases of whooping cough, one of diabetes, one of German measles, one of mumps and one of pneumonia.

Total number of diseases reported in the township to date was 431. Ninety-eight of these are under quarantine, according to the report.

Players Present "Here Today"

Third Production of Season by M. L. Group

The Main Line Playhouse presented their third production of the season, "Here Today," by George Oppenheimer, Saturday evening at Lower Merion Senior High School.

Directed by Charles Tindle, the cast included Philippa Herman, Philip H. Bentz, Jeanne C. Smith, Nancy Spalding Walton, Philip DeLong, Gideon Boericke, Jr., Robert E. Scott and Kathryn C. Morrill.

The attractive scenery which depicted a house at Nassau, in the Bahamas, was constructed under the direction of Paul and Alice McKee, assisted by Ralph Giles, Robert Dolan, Edna Dolan, Myrna Poor, Margaret Easby and Anita Carroll.

Play aides included Lita Ovalle, as Chairman, with Nancy Simpson, Geraldine Murphy, Patricia Ziegler and Betty Landis as members of the committee.

Casting for the playhouse's next production, "Laura," by Vera Caspary and George Sklar, was held Sunday.

A. & P. Food Stores Will Observe Founders Week

A. & P. Food Stores, originators of the chain store method of food distribution 89 years ago, will observe founder's month during February, when tribute will be paid to George Huntington Hartford whose store was the forerunner of the modern supermarkets.

L. A. Mullen, vice-president in charge of operations in this area, stated that the company's principles of efficiency, courtesy and service would be re-emphasized during the month.

"We believe our company is steadily forging ahead, both in the quality of our goods and the calibre of our service," Mullen said. "We can assure our customers that we will continue to follow the principles on which our company has grown."

BREAKS ANKLE IN FALL

Walter R. Miller, 31, of 314 Kent Rd., Cynwyd, received a fracture of the left ankle last Saturday when he slipped on the ice and fell in front of the Penn Body Co., Bryn Mawr. He was treated at Bryn Mawr Hospital.

Conditions have changed since Father was a boy. Read "Revolution in Knee Pants" in THINKING OUT LOUD

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McFeely to Head George School

Richard H. McFeely, headmaster of Friends Central School, Overbrook, for the past three years, will become principal of George School in Bucks County this fall, it was announced Tuesday by Charles K. Halliwell, representing the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Born in Marion, O., in 1904, McFeely came to Philadelphia in 1916 and studied at West Philadelphia High School and Swarthmore College, and received a master of arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

He was assistant dean of men at Swarthmore from 1929 to 1931, and for 14 years served as director of studies at George School before becoming headmaster of Friends Central in 1945. For two summers he was consultant to the International Relations department of the Philadelphia Workshop for Teachers.

McFeely is a member of the Country Day School Headmasters Association, of the Headmasters Association, and of the Swarthmore Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

At George School he will succeed



RICHARD H. McFEELY

Dr. George A. Walton, who is retiring after serving the school as teacher and principal for 40 years.

Women Urged to Support Drive

R. K. Mensch Appeals For Polio Campaign Aid

The women of Montgomery County were urged today in a special appeal by Raymond K. Mensch, County Chairman of the March of Dimes Campaign, to continue their wholehearted support of the 1948 drive which will close on Saturday.

The campaign originally scheduled to close January 30, was extended one week more in Montgomery County.

"There is still time to respond to this humanitarian appeal," commented Chairman Mensch. "I feel that the women of the county realize perhaps more than the men, the ravaging effects of infantile paralysis. So, you mothers and wives, ask your husbands if they have contributed to the fund, and if they have not, make sure that they do. The handy March of Dimes containers will not be collected in the various public places until next week and thus you still have an opportunity to, drop several coins in them."

"By doing this you are assuring the success of the drive and are making it possible for someone to receive the best of care if he or she is stricken by polio."

Contributions can still be mailed to the County Chapter's headquarters, 506 Swede Street, Norristown, emphasized Mensch.

Last year approximately \$21,000 was raised, half of which was kept in the county and the remainder was sent to the National Foundation.

Day of Prayer To Be Marked

St. Paul's Church Headquarters for Local Committees

Dr. Harold C. Case, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Pasadena, California, will be guest speaker at special services to be held February 13 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ardmore, in observance of the World Day of Prayer.

A leader of the Interdenominational Youth Conference in Oslo, Norway, last July, Dr. Case is a graduate of Baker University, Kansas. Prior to going to Pasadena, he was pastor of the Elm Park Methodist Church, Scranton.

An annual observance among Protestant churches throughout the world, the World Day of Prayer is sponsored in the United States by the United Council of Church Women. Offerings received during the services will be used to assist migrant workers and share croppers in the care of their children; for Christian education in India.

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Discussion on Displaced Persons Will Be Held in Ardmore Monday

The third in a series of four discussion meetings on Displaced Persons will be held at 8 P. M. Monday in the First Presbyterian Church, Ardmore.

The meetings, open to the public, are being sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association, the United Nations Council of Philadelphia and the Lower Merion Township League of Women Voters.

Curtin Winsor, of Wynnewood, finance director of the UN Council, will serve as chairman of Monday's discussion, and the panel will include Dr. Roger Wells, professor of Political Science at Bryn Mawr College; Dr. Gilbert F. White, president of Haverford College, and the Rev. Elmer Thompson, executive director, International House, Philadelphia.

Dr. Wells, who has been associated with Bryn Mawr since 1923, spent two years in Germany with the Civil Administration Division of the Military Government, first as Chief of Elections for Political Parties, and then as Consultant

Heavy Snowfall Delays Traffic

But Police Report No Accidents on Wednesday

Although all traffic was slowed down to a crawl Wednesday by the eight-inch snowfall, police report

no accidents. One Philadelphia radio announcer, obviously one who had trouble getting to work early Wednesday morning, got a little confused when it came time to read the temperature report for the city.

He reported the temperature in Philadelphia to be 81 degrees instead of 18. One Township policeman remarked that if that was the case, it would be foolish to go all the way to Florida when you could get a Paoli Local for Philadelphia.

Trucks, out all day in an effort to keep the roads clear, managed to plow the principal streets open as fast as they were covered, but

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Distribute Estate Of Frank Acker

John Griffin Bequeaths \$25,000 to Wife, Clara

Final distribution of the estate of Frank F. Acker, of Cynwyd, who died July 4, 1946, was provided by an adjudication in Montgomery County Orphans' Court last week.

The balances for distribution included principal-personalty, \$98,711.50; principal-realty, \$29,100; income-personalty, \$5,474.77; and income-realty, \$41.63. They were awarded as follows:

Personal items to the widow, Nancy B. Acker; balance to North Philadelphia Trust Company and Richard C. Martin, trustees, for life benefit of Mrs. Acker.

The estate of Jane Hobart Brown of Haverford, who died November 24, 1946, balance of \$191,332.83 awarded to Edwin Hobart Brown, son, home and lot at Haverford and personal items and two-thirds residuary estate; to Joseph N. Hobart, brother, and John Nichols Finley, cousin, one-sixth each, residuary estate, awards being subject to distributions already made.

John H. Griffin, Lower Merion Township, who died January 21, 1948, bequeathed his \$25,000 estate to his wife, Clara M. Griffin.

Karl A. Hildebrecht, Lower Merion Township, who died December 16, leaving a personal estate valued at \$10,000, directed that trust funds of \$5,000 each be set up for his three children and that the balance, including his interest in a tavern in Lancaster, was to go to his wife, Virginia B. Hildebrecht.

Business Council Honors Officers

Presents Lap Robe to Former President

The newly elected officers of the Narberth Business Council were introduced at a testimonial dinner given last week in honor of the outgoing president, Franklin Tinker. More than 75 council members and friends attended the affair, which was held January 26 in the Arcadia Chios Restaurant, Narberth.

The new officers include Roger Burke, president; Fred Dannenhauer, Jr., vice president; Mabel Fritzsche, secretary; Fred Carter, treasurer, and John Miller, Nicholas Finio, John Albrecht, Adon Horsely and Harry Halberstadt, directors.

On behalf of the Council, Howard Cotter presented Tinker with an automobile robe in appreciation of his work for the business group. Miss Fritzsche received a box of red roses. Burke commended Tinker and the retiring treasurer, Joseph Adelz, to their fine work and efficiency throughout their terms.

Guest speakers included Narberth Burgess Richard T. Miller, Richard S. Chew, president of the Bala-Cynwyd Neighborhood Club, and Walter E. L. Irwin, president of the Main Line Chamber of Commerce.

Door prizes contributed by local merchants were distributed by John Conway. The committee included Morris Chios, chairman; charge of the roast beef dinner Leon Piersy, Katharine McCormick and Mrs. Sterling Bernender.

Narberth Store Now Under New Ownership

The Narberth Electric and Radio Co., Haverford and Forrest ave., operated for a number of years by Walter C. Case, is now under new ownership.

One of the owners is Charles H. Sauerbrey, 128 Woodside Ave., Narberth, who has been engaged in radio repair and service work along the Main Line for 23 years. His wife, Mrs. Louise D. Sauerbrey, is active in women's clubs and is well known as a pianist. Mr. and Mrs. Sauerbrey have two children, Charles Arthur, 13, and Peter Daniel, 5, who attend the Narberth Public School.

Associated with Sauerbrey is M. Fulton, 4646 N. Mervine St., Philadelphia, who was cashier with the Cochran Co. for 40 years. He retired from that position two years ago.

A native of Italy, Mrs. Tumolo moved to Philadelphia in 1890, and resided in Narberth for the past 20 years.

She is survived by her husband, Nicholas, a retired stone mason; two sons, Charles and Daniel, and five daughters, Mrs. Ann Lombardi, Mrs. Alice Battaglini, Mrs. Catherine Martelli, Mrs. Mary LaRosa and Mrs. Mabel Burns.

Interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Gulph Mills.

'Colleen' Killed By Trolley

Body of Champion Setter Identified

"Colleen," the champion Irish setter belonging to Tamerock Kennels, in Penn Valley, is dead.

John Irwin Bright, Jr., who owns Tamerock, identified the body of the Merry Lady of Tamerock winner of best-in-class at Madison Square Garden in 1946, early Sunday morning, following a telephone call from the Philadelphia and Western Railroad. A P. and W. trolley had run down and killed a red Irish setter sometime late Wednesday, the informant said, and Bright was asked to identify the body.

Bright identified "Colleen" easily, partly because of a mark over her left eye, the result of a fight with another dog in the kennels. She was killed, he said, six days after she disappeared into the woods while he was taking her to the barn.

With her, at that time, was her kennel brother, "Turloch." But Turloch was picked up by Haverford Township police next morning, in Penfield. The Brights thought both dogs had been picked up by someone, and that they escaped. "Colleen" was struck at the Penfield crossing, near the spot where her brother had been picked up.

OUR TOWN

IS ON SALE EACH WEEK AT THE FOLLOWING STORES:

Davis Store, 224 Haverford Ave., Narberth.

Granite Drug Store, Montgomery Ave., Narberth.

Narberth News, 238 Haverford Ave., Narberth.

Trainer's, 238 Woodbine Ave., Narberth.

Narberth Presbyterians Plan To Enlarge Church Building

To Honor Oldest Boro Fireman

Testimonial Saturday For George Gillespie

More than 75 members and friends of the Narberth Fire Company will gather in Elm Hall Saturday night for a testimonial dinner in honor of the borough's oldest active fireman, George Gillespie, of 519 Gordon Ave.

"Pop" Gillespie, who is 74, has been an active member of the company for 42 of his 43 years in Narberth, and for the past 15 years has served as assistant fire chief. He and his wife Margaret have 14 children and stepchildren and 15 grandchildren.

The dinner, which will be the first annual affair honoring active firemen who have 20 years' service or more, will also pay tribute to the following eight men: Albert Nulty, fire chief; Richard Blessing, James Gillespie, August Bailey, George Potter, Harry Hollar, Ernie Boulay and Thomas Merkel.

Thomas W. Casey, who will serve as toastmaster, announced this week that the affair will feature a turkey dinner, a good show, refreshments and presentations for "Pop" Gillespie and the other eight long-time firemen. Members of the dinner committee include Paul Wohler, George Knapp and Charles Westman.

Other honor guests will be William Durbin, president of the fire company; Narberth Burgess Richard Miller, Lower Merion Township Fire Marshal Harvey W. Benson and Councilman Robert Cameron.

Heater Blasts In 2 Twp. Homes

No Fire Involved, but Cellars Filled With Soot

An explosion in the furnace blew out the heater door in the basement of the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Stockton Taylor, 277 Cheswood Lane, Haverford, last Thursday night, and filled the cellar with smoke and soot.

Ardmore and Bryn Mawr fire companies were summoned by a nursemaid in charge of the two Taylor children, asleep upstairs. They turned off the heater mechanism and called repairmen.

There was a similar explosion early the following morning at the home of Dr. and Mrs. George A. Coleman, of 347 Aubrey Rd., Wynnewood.

The Colemans were still asleep when the blast occurred at 7 A. M., but their daughter, Mrs. Stephen Casey, Jr., was downstairs with her nine-month-old son, Coleman Casey.

She opened the cellar door and seeing the flames and smoke shooting from the furnace, called Ardmore and Narberth firemen.

LM Police Pension Fund To Receive \$2,361.25

The Lower Merion Township Police Pension Fund will receive \$2,361.25 as its share of \$292,137.57 which will be distributed to 211 municipal police retirement funds in Pennsylvania, including the State Employees' Retirement Fund.

The payments are made under the provisions of the Casualty Insurance Act, providing for the distribution among established Police Pension Funds and the State Police Fund, of one-half of the two percent tax paid on foreign casualty insurance premiums written in the Commonwealth.

TO SHARE IN ESTATE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McIntire, of 218 Wayne Ave., Narberth, share in the estate of a friend, the late Isabel Thels Hoskins, of Ocean Grove, N. J., and New York, who died November 26, 1946, in New York City. They will receive one-seventeenth of the residuary estate whose holdings have been appraised at \$184,889, gross, and \$164,917, net value.

NARBERTH HOME SOLD

The Rev. Frederick L. Pedersen, of the Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has purchased the two-and-a-half-story colonial type residence at 149 Merion Ave., Narberth, from E. R. Kirk, for \$15,000. E. A. Clarke and Harris and Bunting were the brokers.

NARBERTH ESTATE LISTED

Accounts showing balances for distribution in estates listed for audit in Montgomery County Orphans' Court on March 1 include that of Willis A. Burrows, of Narberth, \$7,802.58.

PUBLISHER HONORED

Walter H. Annenberg, of Llanfair Rd., Ardmore, editor and publisher of The Inquirer, has accepted appointment as chairman of the Adversity Gift Committee of the 1948 Allied Jewish Appeal campaign, it was announced last week.

Narberth Man Named Chairman Of Branches for Red Cross Drive

Blackwell Newhall, of 414 Righters Mill Rd., Narberth, has been named chairman of branches for the 1948 Red Cross fund campaign in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter, according to an announcement made this week by officials of the organization.

Newhall, assistant general manager of the Board of Directors of the Board of City Trusts of Philadelphia, will be responsible for raising \$800,000 in the Chapter's 28 branches in Montgomery, Bucks, Delaware and Chester counties. The Chapter's quota this year, as last year, has been set at \$2,490,000 with a quota of \$200,000 for the Main Line Branch. The drive will start March 1 and continue throughout the month.

"The world today is disturbed and the future uncertain," Newhall stated this week, "and we in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter must see to it that the Red Cross has the necessary sinews to carry on its current peacetime activities and at the same time prepare for whatever may lie ahead."

A graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, and a veteran of World War II, Newhall served as Red Cross Chapter chairman from 1937 to 1942, and during 1942 he served both as chapter and fund chairman.

During the war he accepted a commission with the Navy and saw



BLACKWELL NEWHALL

action during the amphibious assault on Okinawa and later served as captain of the Yard at Manus Island near New Guinea.

He is a director of the Haverford School and a vestryman of the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr.

Mrs. Newhall, the former Mary Large Harrison, is vice-chairman of Red Cross Ladies, and has a long record of service at the Valley Forge General Hospital.

Boy Scout Week To Be Observed

List Troop Activities For Narberth Group

Boy Scout Troop, No. 1, of Narberth, will observe Boy Scout Week February 6-13, with special troop activities, it was announced this week by Scout Committee Chairman Ernest Gorin.

The troop, which originated as the Wynnewood Boy Scout Troop, No. 1, in 1913, became the Narberth Boy Scout Troop, in 1947, and now has 19 members.

February 6, the troop will go on a weekend hike to Camp Delmont, Delmont, Pa., for a weekend of scout craft activities, and games.

The boys will attend special services at the Narberth Methodist Church, Sunday evening, February 8, when the Rev. Harold D. Flood, pastor, will preach a special sermon to the scouts.

The troop is sponsoring a father-son banquet to be held February 19, at Inglenook Inn, Swarthmore. E. M. Nuchickel will be in charge of preparations.

The troop will make their annual pilgrimage to Valley Forge February 21.

The scouts and cub scouts will also aid in the collection of clothing for the Main Line Ministerial Association foreign relief campaign February 14.

During Scout Week, scout crafts and projects and a painting of a cub scout, by Blount Jordan, of Narberth, commercial artist, will be on display in a window of Davis's Store, Haverford Ave., Narberth.

William Harris, Troop Program Chairman, has announced a meeting of the troop committee to be held at the home of Warren J. Miller, of 206 Sabine Ave., Narberth, February 15, when plans for scout activities up until June will be discussed.

William F. Emmons is Scoutmaster of the Troop, with Samuel Barclay, first assistant scoutmaster, and Ernest Hutchinson, second assistant scoutmaster. William Clear is cub scoutmaster.

Edwin Callender Granted Patent

Edwin M. Callender, of 5 Lodges Lane, Cynwyd, was granted patent No. 2,433,964 by the United States Patent Office Patent Office on January 6, in company with John P. Tarbox, Philadelphia. The patent applies to "Weld Indicating and Control Apparatus."

The invention pertains to spot welding mechanisms, an operation in which two overlapping sheets of metal are fused by passing a large current, of short duration, through a pair of electrodes.

Heretofore, the methods for controlling this type of apparatus have depended upon the average time interval necessary to produce a satisfactory weld.

Callender and Tarbox say their invention overcomes this difficulty. This patent has been assigned to the Edward B. Budd Manufacturing Co., Philadelphia.

Education Aid Talk Planned

Voters League to Hold Series on Tax Bill

William G. Aylrett, education editor of the New York Herald Tribune, will discuss the Pros and Cons of Federal Aid to Education at a general meeting of the Lower Merion Township League of Women Voters Tuesday afternoon.

Sponsored by the league's education department, whose chairman is Mrs. Robert C. Teare, the meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. William T. Dickinson, of 232 Indian Creek Rd., Overbrook. Tea will be served.

Miss Cathleen M. Chaplin, recording secretary and legislative chairman of the Philadelphia Teachers' Association, will explain legislation now pending on Federal Aid to Education.

A poll will be taken to see whether members are for or against the federal aid, and the results will determine the local league's stand when the National League calls for action in the near future.

The league's economic welfare department is planning a series of discussion meetings on the possible inflationary effects of the Knutson tax bill. Arguments for and against the bill will be offered.

The first session will be held at 10:30 A. M. next Thursday, at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Enos J. Derham, of 3 Old Gulph Rd., Bryn Mawr. Leaders will be Mrs. Derham and Mrs. H. J. Kaltenhaler, Jr., of Wynnewood, vice-chairman.

Roberta Beck Wilson Succumbs in Hospital

Funeral services for Roberta Beck Wilson, of 344 Kent Rd., Cynwyd, who died Sunday in Presbyterian Hospital, will be held at 2 P. M. Friday from St. John's Church, Cynwyd. She was 35.

Born and raised in Cynwyd, Miss Wilson was a member of the Evening Auxiliary and the choir of St. John's Church. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. John Harmon Wilson; a sister Mrs. A. O. Sharp, of Penn Valley, and a brother, Dr. John H. Wilson, of East Orange, N. J.

Interment will be in Westminster Cemetery.

Ardmore WAC Likes Mediterranean Trip, Despite Comedy of Errors

A Mediterranean cruise that was almost ruined by a comedy of errors was described by an Ardmore WAC, now stationed in Vienna, in a letter received by friends here this week.

She is T3 Leta G. Massecar, who lived at 9 Haws Terrace, Ardmore, until she joined the original WAC shortly after the U. S. entered World War II. She is a member of the Ardmore Presbyterian Church. Her service took her to China, where she remained until American troops were withdrawn. After a visit with friends here last June, she took up her assignment in Austria.

Her trip—and her troubles—started when she was granted a furlough and left Vienna December 20. When her train arrived at the Italian border the next day she learned that she had clearances for the Russian, French and British zones, but could not enter Italy

Needed to Avoid Overcrowding in Present Edifice

Will Be Discussed at Meeting February 18

Tentative plans to enlarge the Narberth Presbyterian Church are being discussed by a special building committee of the church. It was announced this week by the committee chairman, Clarence H. Woolmington, of 23 Narbrook Park, Narberth.

The church has been overcrowded for the past three years. Woolmington said, and the nine-man committee has been working on the problem for three months. In the meantime, starting in March, there will be two Sunday morning services, one at 8:30 and the other at 11 A. M.

The committee will present its findings, along with plans drawn up by Woolmington, an architect and engineer, at the annual congregational dinner-meeting Wednesday, February 18.

The proposed plans include enlargement of the present auditorium, erection of a new wing on the auditorium, and the construction of a second floor over the Sunday School.

As shown on the plans, the auditorium addition will provide increased seating capacity (from 450 to 850), and the new wing and second floor addition will accommodate new church offices and a balcony.

The building committee includes three members each from the three church boards. They are Woolmington, Robert L. Beatty and Roy Hope, of the Board of Sessions; Lloyd Hertzler, Ralph Heister and Larry Altman, of the Board of Deacons; and Paul Loos, Ralph Ranukin and Harry Simpson, of the Board of Trustees.

Located at Windsor and Grayhills Aves., the Narberth Church was first organized in June, 1891, at the home of Charles E. Kreamer, with nine charter members.

The first church structure, dedicated in 1891, was destroyed by fire five years later, and the second structure was dedicated January 28, 1897. Additions were made in 1920 and 1925.

The present pastor is the Rev. Robert J. Lamont, who was installed at special services on March 25, 1947. His predecessor was the Rev. Bryant Kirkland (1940-1947), who is now pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Haddonfield, N. J.

Home of A. Paul Levelled by Fire

Fire which began in the right wing leveled the mansion house on the estate of A. J. Drexel Paul, at Old Gulph and King of Prussia Rds., Wayne, on Monday night. It broke out again, briefly, on Tuesday morning, but was soon under control.

Firemen from six local companies, including Bryn Mawr, fought not only the fire but also drifting snow, bitter cold and a serious shortage of gasoline, for more than six hours after it was reported shortly after 8 P. M. At one point the fire appeared to be under control. But drafts created by opened windows and doors swept sparks through the big house,

